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In re application: **Hamilton, II et al.**Serial No.: **09/687,114**Filed: **October 12, 2000**For: **Method and System for
Automating the Configuration of a
Storage Area Network**§ Group Art Unit: **2142**§ Examiner: **Nguyen, Hai V.**§ Attorney Docket No.: **AUS9-2000-0440-US1**RECEIVED
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In response to the Office Action dated May 3, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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